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Response Under 37 CFR 1.116

In response to the Office Action dated November 15, 2004,

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the following
amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on
page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.